

Idaho Big Game Seasons and Rules 2011



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Deer, Elk, Pronghorn
August 2011 - February 2012
Black Bears, Mountain Lions
August 2011 - July 2012

Including Controlled Hunts for
Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Black Bears



Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Wildlife Policy

“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.” — Idaho Code Section 36-103

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To Receive Nonresident License Applications,

Call Toll Free: 1-800-635-7820

If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.

Other Information Numbers

- **Citizens Against Poaching; to report wildlife crimes:**
1-800-632-5999
- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications:
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- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest:
208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523
- Bureau of Land Management – Idaho Office:
208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- *In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.*
- *By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.*
- *On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee is added for this transaction.*
- *Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.*

To report wildlife crimes, call 1-800-632-5999. Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

This book includes important information about Idaho's hunting laws. You can be fined or jailed if you violate these laws. Please have someone who reads English explain the information in this book for you.

Información Importante

En este libro se incluye la información acerca de las leyes de Idaho para cazar. Podrá ser sancionado o encarcelado si esta ley es violada. Por favor pide a una persona que lea Inglés para que le explique la información in de este libro.

You may refer to this link for laws pertaining to this rule book:

Administrative Procedures Act:

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>

More than 30 states have entered into a "Wildlife Violator Compact." This means if your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked by any of the member states, all the remaining states will revoke the same license or privilege for the same time period. In addition, any nonresident who does not satisfy the requirements of an Idaho citation will have his/her hunting and fishing license revoked in their home state until those requirements are satisfied. For more information on the WVC and a complete list of member states, go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

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Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of deer, elk and pronghorn. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

Costs associated with this publication are available from Idaho Fish and Game in accordance with Section 60-202, Idaho Code. 4-2011/350,000/41918.

Getting Started

To use this brochure:

- Pick the species you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that animal.
- Refer to the map on pages 80 and 81 to find an area to hunt.
- Find the unit numbers on the map and look up the seasons and restriction for those units.
- For help in this process, try the online Hunt Planner at the Fish and Game website <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Big game hunting in Idaho is regulated by numbered **game management units**.

General seasons for black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and white-tailed deer are arranged by these units. Some seasons labeled **regular deer** include mule deer and white-tailed deer, other seasons are labeled **white-tailed** deer only.

General seasons for elk are arranged by larger areas called elk management zones which are made up of one or more game management units.

Controlled hunts are listed by hunt numbers for controlled hunt areas which consist of parts of 1 or more game management units.

Controlled hunt areas for deer are not the same as controlled hunt areas for elk or pronghorn or black bear.

For an explanation of controlled hunts and how to apply see pages 73-76.

When picking a controlled hunt, make sure to use the hunt number from the current year's rule book.

For a map of Fish and Game regions and game management units see pages 80 and 81. For a map of elk zones see page 28.

Detailed big game hunting rules and restrictions begin on page 64. License requirements and fees begin on page 92.

Note on licenses and tags:

A **hunting license** is required to hunt. In addition a **tag** is required for all big game species.

Helicopter Surveys: Hunters may encounter biologists conducting helicopter surveys during late season hunts December – March. They will try to avoid flying where hunters are observed.

What's New 2011

IDFG Responds to Changing Populations

Every year, Department biologists review the current status of big game populations and the previous year's harvest. This information combined with input from sportsmen is used to develop the current year hunting seasons. Big game populations are constantly changing, and the Department responds appropriately. For example, elk populations in the Lolo, Selway, Middle Fork, Sawtooth, and Smoky Mountain zones have declined since the mid-1990s. These same zones have moderate to high wolf densities and research has shown that wolves are a major source of mortality on elk. In response to elk population changes in these 5 zones, the Department has reduced hunting opportunity by over 50% since populations started to decline.

Sawtooth Elk Zone Tag Quotas

The final phase-in of the Sawtooth Elk Zone tag quotas reductions that began in 2009 will occur in 2011. This year Sawtooth Elk Zone A tags will be capped at 566 tags, 396 fewer tags than were available in 2010. Sawtooth Zone B tags will be capped at 1,526 tags, 428 fewer tags than were available last year.

Capped Elk Zone Tag Sale Dates

Nonresident tags: December 1, 2010

Resident tags: July 10, 2011

All sales begin at midnight with the exception of the Nonresident Selway B elk tag which goes on sale at 10:00 am Mountain time.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

For 2011 Mandatory hunter reporting for deer, elk, and pronghorn is entirely paperless. All successful hunters are required to report by internet or phone within 10 days of harvest. Hunters who do not harvest, or did not hunt on their tag, are required to report within 10 days of the close of the hunting season.

To submit a report online go to Idaho Fish and Game's website at: <http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

To submit by phone to a live operator, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week call toll free 1-877-268-9365.

Nonresident Elk or Deer Tag for Black Bear or Mountain Lion

Nonresident elk or nonresident deer tags, excluding nonresident junior elk or deer tags, are valid to take a black bear or mountain lion, if the season is open for that species when and where the nonresident elk or deer tag is valid. See page 77.

2011 IDAHO BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE



IDAHO DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

IDAHO WILD SHEEP
FOUNDATION



GUIDELINES

- Winner will be able to hunt in any unit open to sheep hunting for Rocky Mountain or California bighorn in 2011, pursuant to Fish & Game regulations--**except** Unit 11, Hells Canyon of the Snake River.
- Applicant must be eligible to apply for a hunting license in Idaho in order to purchase these special tickets. This permit is non-transferrable. No purchase necessary, void where prohibited.



Brad Visser's tremendous Owyhee County ram scored 185 4/8 points.



2010 Idaho raffle winner, Will Garrouette, and his incredible 197 4/8 Hells Canyon ram.

- Applicant must be 18 years of age to purchase a ticket and 18 years of age to win the sheep permit.
- Hunting license and permit will be provided to winner.
- Drawing will be made at 2:00 p.m., MDT, on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.
- **Once-in-a-lifetime rule** is waived for this raffle tag.
- Need not be present to win.

Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Funds from the Idaho Bighorn Sheep Raffle are used for the benefit and enhancement of bighorn sheep in Idaho. This form is also available on Idaho Chapter's website www.idahowildsheep.org.

No tickets are sent to buyer. We make out and submit tickets for you.

Keep this portion for your records.

Method of Payment _____

Date _____

Amount _____

No. Tickets _____

Idaho WSF
P. O. Box 8224
Boise, ID 83707
208-345-6171

IDAHO 2011 BIGHORN SHEEP TICKET ORDER FORM

(No limit to number of tickets purchased per individual.)

1 ticket (\$10) x no. _____ = \$ _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____

6 tickets (\$50) x no. _____ = \$ _____ # _____

14 tickets (\$100) x no. _____ = \$ _____

25 Tickets (\$166.75) x no. _____ = \$ _____ Exp. Date _____

Send form & check to:

Idaho WSF
P. O. 8224
Boise, ID 83707

Signature _____

Name
(please print) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone () _____

**TICKET ORDERS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2011**

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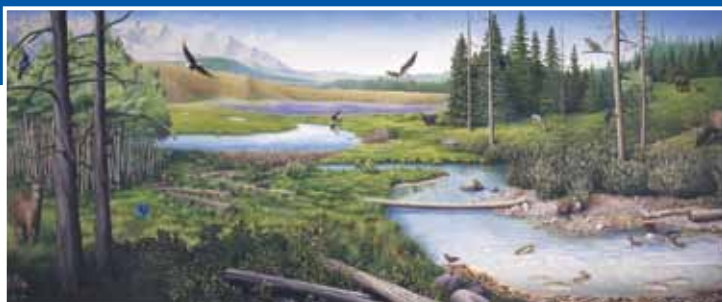
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You can also join online at www.ifwf.org



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August 2011 through July 2012



Key Dates in 2011:

- 2011 hunting licenses are on sale from December 1, 2010 - December 31, 2011.
- Controlled hunt application period for deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall black bear: May 1 – June 5, 2011.
- Early deadline for depredation hunt application: June 30, 2011. See page 76.
- Controlled hunt application period for spring 2012 black bear: January 15 – February 15, 2012

Apply early for controlled hunts. See page 74 for application form.

Buy a Chance at a Super Hunt Tag, help pay for *Access Yes!*

Check out Hunt Planner Maps at our website. <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>.

It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating. This brochure provides seasons for general and controlled hunts, and it provides a summary of rules that govern big game hunting in Idaho. For details about the rules, please refer to these links:

Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>.

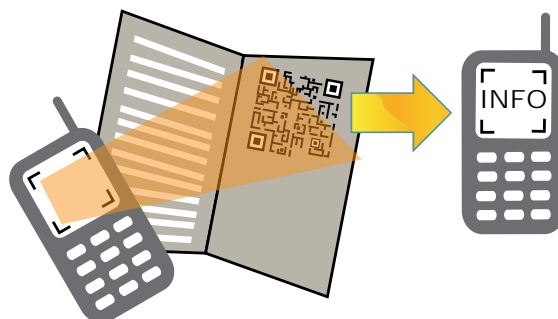
Idaho Code <http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm>.

Mandatory Report Requirements: All deer, elk and pronghorn hunters are required to complete a **Mandatory Hunter Report** for each tag they purchase. Hunters are required to submit a report by phone or internet within 10 days after harvest. Hunters who do not harvest, or did not hunt, are required to report within 10 days after the close of the hunting season.

The best way to submit hunt information and the only way to get confirmation that the report was received is to report online. Go to: <http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

To submit by phone to a live operator, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week call toll free 1-877-268-9365.

Note: This brochure covers only rules for hunting deer, elk, pronghorn, black bears and mountain lions. Information about hunting upland birds, turkey, small game, waterfowl and moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goats can be found separately in the Upland Game, the Waterfowl or the Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat rules brochures.



Check out Hunt Planner Maps
at our website!

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>



Use your smartphone QR code reader to learn more.